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In my opinion, the DOJ settlement was a gift to Microsoft, not a punishment. Like the previous settlement DOJ settlement with Microsoft it only prevents behavior that is moot because the damage has been done and also allows practices that will tend to strengthen Microsoft's grip on the computer industry.

In every instance in which Microsoft has gained domination of a market segment innovation has ceased and prices have risen. Sometimes the price

increases have been hidden in upgrade costs and changes to licensing terms, but the have increased none the less.

Little new software is being developed because potential developers and investors know that if a new product is successful Microsoft will use its monopoly power to take over the market for that product.

Microsoft is now using its might to make sure it dominates and controls the Internet.

Please find a way to reign them in.

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